



*Office of Attorney General
600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept 125
Bismarck ND 58505-0400
(701) 328-1574*

www.ndlottery.org

NEWS RELEASE

February 17, 2006

Record Powerball Jackpot Amount Triggers Player Bonus Feature

BISMARCK – The record breaking Powerball jackpot of \$365 million for Saturday's draw has triggered the "Match 5 Bonus" feature, which was introduced last Fall. This bonus feature gives Powerball players who match the five white ball numbers the chance to share extra millions.

The Match 5 Bonus feature sets the jackpot growth to no more than \$25 million per draw over the previous record jackpot amount which was \$340 million. Any funds above that amount are placed into the Match 5 BONUS Prize Pool. The jackpot grows by \$25 million each draw until it is won. The BONUS Prize Pool also grows each draw until the jackpot is won. When the jackpot is hit, the total Match 5 bonus prize fund is automatically shared equally among all the Powerball players who matched all 5 white balls numbers in that draw.

The Match 5 bonus pool currently stands at \$13 million, and may increase before the drawing.

Winning Match 5 players who played Power Play option will win \$200,000 multiplied by the selected multiplier. The BONUS prize money is added to that total. The BONUS prize is not multiplied by the Power Play option.

#

Media Contact: Chuck Keller, (701) 328-1574